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SUBJECT: FY 74 FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

1. IIE HAS PRESENTED A MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF MAIA REQUESTING EXTENSION OF THE TRAVEL GRANT TO ENABLE HIM TO BEGIN A SECOND DEGREE. HE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AT BOTH THE U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND PEPPERDINE. HE STATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT UNIVERSIDADE CATOLICA, FROM WHICH HE IS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE, HAS ONE OF THE BEST UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN BELO HORIZONTE BUT NONE OF THE PROFESSORS HAVE PH.D.S AND FEELS THAT A PH.D. IS NEEDED TO SATISFY THE REGION'S GROWING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS. MAIA REPORTS THAT THE UNIVERSIDADE CATOLICA IS WILLING TO EXTEND HIS LEAVE OF ABSENCE IF FUNDING CAN BE SECURED. HE HAS APPLIED FOR FUNDS FROM THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT BUT HAS RECEIVED NO ANSWER TO HIS LETTERS SENT IN MAY AND JUNE.

2. COMMISSION IS REQUESTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH UNIVERSIDADE CATOLICA TO CONFIRM THEIR DECISION ON THE STUDENT'S REQUEST FOR EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

3. IF THE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TRAVEL IS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, IIE REPORTS THAT IT WILL DEFER PROCESSING

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THE EXTENSION UNTIL CONFIRMATION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAS

BEEN RECEIVED.

4. PLEASE CABLE REPLY TO PARA. 2 AND COMMISSION'S DECISION
ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TRAVEL.

5. IIE MEMORANDUM BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER. ROBINSON

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